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DAYTON, Ohio, October 17, 1968 --- The Marian Library, dedicated to Mary, The Mother of God, at the University of Dayton will celebrate its Silver Jubilee this Sunday, October 20, with a special open house. The library is located in the south wing of the Albert Emanuel Library.

The celebration, planned by Rev. Robert M. Maloy, library director, will have a special exhibit depicting the early history of the library and its projects. The jubilee will continue on November 15 when Rt. Rev. Alexander Schmemmann, Dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York, will lecture on "Mary and the Church."

A third observance will take place in January for past directors, librarians, and close friends of the Marian Library. Rev. Edmund Baumeister, S.M., a former director of the Marian Library, will return from Chimbote, Peru, for the celebration.

The Marian Library started in two small rooms of the Albert Emanuel Library in 1943. It was conceived by the late Very Rev. John Elbert, S.M., who then was president of the University of Dayton. Rev. Lawrence Monheim, S.M., was its first director. He was succeeded by Father Baumeister in 1944. During his five year tenure, Father Baumeister started the Union catalog, listing the Marian books located in some 1,000 libraries throughout the world. The present union catalog lists some 20,000 titles.

Father Monheim returned as director in 1949 and published Marian Reprints, now known as Marian Library Studies. Marian Institutes, lectures on Mariology, were started at this time and Bro. Stanley Matthews was added as the first fulltime librarian.

Father Philip C. Hoelle, S.M., became the director in 1954 and held that position until last year. Under the tutelage of Father Hoelle, the Marian Library was housed in the south wing of the main library in January, 1965. A Marian Scholarship Fund also was established to promote advanced research in Marian Theology. The fund provides for studies leading to a degree in Mariology and to bring the world's outstanding Marian scholars to the campus.

The library currently catalogues 28,225 books and is building a file of rare collections.

The present library staff includes Father Maloy, Bro. William Fackovec, librarian; and Dr. Paul Hovanyi, cataloguer.